



December 11, 2020

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RICK CROSS:

COVID-19 Update

In my November 24th message, I shared that, given the continued increases in COVID-19 cases across the state and our community, Governor Cooper



expanded the state's mask mandate. The state also implemented a [County Alert System](#), which is intended to better understand the spread at a local level, and help us better address how to best use our resources - where we need to increase our efforts toward education, testing, and contact-tracing.

There continues to be concern that, although our state had not been seeing the surge that many other states were experiencing, we are now seeing numbers of COVID-19 cases, related hospitalizations, and percent positives vs tests increasing to all-time highs across our state and community.

This week, in response to continued increases in the above numbers, the Governor has issued [Executive Order 181](#). This order, which will be in effect between December 11 at 5:00pm and January 8, 2021, at 5:00pm, extends the current Phase 3 requirements outlined in Executive Order 180, and takes additional steps, which includes the following:

- Certain businesses must close between 10:00pm and 5:00am - This includes restaurants (except for take-out and delivery), bars, and others as listed in the Executive Order.
- Sale and service of alcoholic beverages is prohibited for on-site consumption between the hours of 9:00pm and 7:00am.
- A modified "Stay at Home" order between 10:00pm and 5:00am.

To see more detailed information, click on [Executive Order 181 Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Since the initial County Alert System report, Davie County has moved from RED to ORANGE due largely to the reduction in percent positive cases vs. testing over the past 14 days (from 12.2 to 9.5%). It is important to note that recent daily rates have been over 11%, and we are still seeing a high number of COVID-19 cases across our community.

Across the state, numbers of RED (48) and ORANGE (34) counties have increased and now represents 82 of our state's 100 counties.

This week, our state also began sharing the **NC COVID-19 Vaccine Plan**. In my communications with Davie County Health and Human Services Director Suzanne

Wright, she shared the following:

“We (public health leadership) learned last week that vaccine shipments to most local health departments could happen as early as December 21, 2020. Once vaccine is received for Phase I, we will work to vaccinate local healthcare workers (as determined by CDC and NCDHHS). The first shipments will go to hospitals, long term care facilities and local health departments. We will be meeting with those in Phase I of the COVID-19 vaccination plan next week.”

If you would like more information on the NC Vaccine Plan, click on [NC Vaccine Plan FAQs](#). For an overview of the Plan, click on [NC Vaccine Diagram](#).

We continue to work alongside our county officials and staff to take steps to manage the impact of COVID-19 across our county. These folks, our medical personnel, first responders, and all others who continue to be there for us every day have been tireless in their efforts during these past 9 months.

Please join me in keeping them in our thoughts, and remember that as we move through this holiday season, our continued commitment to the **3Ws - Wear, Wait, Wash** - is the thing that each of us can do to reduce risk and potential impact of COVID-19 in our community.



Christmas Tree Lighting

If you have been out and around town in the evening lately, I hope you've had the opportunity to see our Bermuda Run Community Christmas Tree sitting atop our own Davie Medical Center.

On December 1st, we held our first annual Bermuda Run Community Christmas Tree Lighting. Since we were not able to be together in person, we decided to have a Facebook Live event. If you haven't yet seen it, click here: [Bermuda Run Community Christmas Tree Lighting](#) (note - you must be on Facebook for the link to work). Thanks to WFBH-Davie Medical Center folks for making this such a success. Outstanding job...Although, I am a bit distressed that Santa clearly stated during his interview that I was being "penciled in" on the Nice List this year, and that he would be reviewing my campaign promises to make a final determination vis-a-vis lumps of coal!

Also, this is not just a Community Christmas Tree. It is also an opportunity to spread joy across our community by buying a light(s), which will fund donations to support *Family Promise of Davie County* and Davie Medical Center *Family Assistance Fund*. Organizers have already received more than \$8000 in donations through the generosity of our community. **Click on [Community Christmas Tree](#) for information on how you can participate.**

I look forward to the time when we can again gather as a community. I will continue to reach out across our town, and appreciate those from whom I have heard. I want to hear from you. You can reach me at rcross@townofbr.com or 336-391-1992.

We are in this together and together we will emerge stronger.

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